

# MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

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7:00 PM



All Nations - Diversity of the Gospel - Humble Greeks

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## --- OPENING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (LW 115 Vs. 1-4)

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*
- 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?*
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!*

## OPENING RESPONSE

*Pastor: How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?*

**PEOPLE: I WILL LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

*Pastor: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

**PEOPLE: O LORD, TRULY I AM YOUR SERVANT; YOU HAVE LOOSED MY BONDS.**

*Pastor: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*

**PEOPLE: AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

*Pastor: Praise the Lord!*

**PEOPLE: PRAISE THE LORD!**

## --- PRAYER Taken from Psalm 116

*Pastor: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion.  
Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of  
Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

## --- TONIGHT'S READINGS

THE FIRST LESSON  
Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE SECOND LESSON  
1 Corinthians 11:17-26

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL  
John 12:20-33

*Leader: The Gospel of the Lord*

**PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

## --- THE APOSTLES CREED

## --- SERMON - Humble Greeks

## --- PRAYERS

*Pastor: Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us*

**ALL: AND HUMBLE US.**

*Pastor: On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church... Lord, hear us*

**ALL: AND UNITE US.**

*Pastor: On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe. We pray for the mission of your Church... Lord, hear us*

**ALL: AND RENEW OUR ZEAL.**

*Pastor: On this night, he commanded them to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved... Lord, hear us*

**ALL: AND FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE.**

*Pastor: On this night, he reminded them that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith... Lord, hear us*

**ALL: AND GIVE US YOUR PEACE.**

**ALL: MOST MERCIFUL LORD, YOUR LOVE COMPELS US TO COME IN.  
OUR HANDS WERE UNCLEAN, OUR HEARTS WERE UNPREPARED;  
WE WERE NOT FIT EVEN TO EAT THE CRUMBS FROM UNDER YOUR TABLE.  
BUT YOU, LORD, ARE THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION,  
AND SHARE YOUR BREAD WITH SINNERS.  
SO CLEANSE AND FEED US WITH THE PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD OF YOUR SON,  
THAT HE MAY LIVE IN US AND WE IN HIM;  
AND THAT WE, WITH THE WHOLE COMPANY OF CHRIST,  
MAY SIT AND EAT IN YOUR KINGDOM. AMEN.**

## --- LORD'S PRAYER

## --- CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Pastor: Before we come to receive from the Lord the blessings of His body and blood, let us confess our sins.*

**PEOPLE: WE CONFESS, O LORD, THAT WE HAVE SINNED. WE HAVE GONE OUR OWN WAY. WE HAVE DONE THOSE THINGS YOU TOLD US NOT TO DO, AND WE HAVE NOT DONE THE THINGS WE SHOULD HAVE DONE. FORGIVE US, O LORD, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST. RENEW US BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND GIVE US STRENGTH TO WALK ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE. IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WE PRAY. AMEN.**

*Pastor: The prophet Isaiah tells us, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31). Jesus sacrificed His life for you to renew your strength and hope as a child of God. Therefore, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

### --- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

*Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat. Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored. And so we praise you....*

**PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.  
HOSANNA. HOSANNA. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.  
BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

### --- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### --- THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table" (LW 242 Vs. 1 - 6)**

**1. I come, O Savior, to your table, for weak and weary is my soul;  
You, Bread of Life, alone are able to satisfy and make me whole.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!**

- 2. Restless am I and heavy laden, with sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously, and gladden my heart that here is now your guest.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!**
- 3. Your heart is filled with fervent yearning that I, a sinner, come to you;  
I, Lord, to your sure mercy turning, my ancient bond of faith renew.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!**
- 4. In hope I come to your high table, your testament of deepest love;  
For by its grace I now am able to know the heart of God above.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!**
- 5. What greater gift can I inherit? It is faith's bonded solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, the covenant of hope and grace.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!**
- 6. Your body crucified, O Savior, your blood which once for me was shed,  
These are my life and strength forever, by them my hungry soul is fed.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!**

***"Behold the Lamb"*** (Communion Hymn)

- 1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us—and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bond of peace around the table of our King.**
- 2. The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember;  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bond of love around the table of our King.**
- 3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you- drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bond of grace around the table of our King.**
- 4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond- and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of our King.**

## ----- THE BLESSING

*Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.  
May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace.*

**PEOPLE: AMEN**

## --- CLOSING HYMN

**“Go to Dark Gethsemane”** (LW 110 Vs 1-3)

**1. Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**2. Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suf-f’ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**

**3. Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

## --- THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

At the end of the distribution the chancel is emptied of all appointments -- everything is removed from the altar, including the paraments, so that all that remains are the furniture and the stark cross. This symbolizes the division of the Lord's garments and the casting of lots for His cloak.

*Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.*

**PEOPLE: YET YOU ARE HOLY, ENTHRONED ON THE PRAISES OF ISRAEL. IN YOU OUR FATHERS TRUSTED; THEY TRUSTED, AND YOU DELIVERED THEM.**

*Pastor: To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.*

**PEOPLE: ALL WHO SEE ME MOCK ME; THEY MAKE MOUTHS AT ME; THEY WAG THEIR HEADS; “HE TRUSTS IN THE LORD; LET HIM DELIVER HIM; LET HIM RESCUE HIM, FOR HE DELIGHTS IN HIM!”**

*Pastor: Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.*

**PEOPLE: BE NOT FAR FROM ME, FOR TROUBLE IS NEAR, AND THERE IS NONE TO HELP. MANY BULLS ENCOMPASS ME; STRONG BULLS OF BASHAN SURROUND ME; THEY OPEN WIDE THEIR MOUTHS AT ME, LIKE A RAVENING AND ROARING LION.**

*Pastor: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.*

**PEOPLE: FOR DOGS ENCOMPASS ME; A COMPANY OF EVILDOERS ENCIRCLES ME; THEY HAVE PIERCED MY HANDS AND FEET— I CAN COUNT ALL MY BONES—THEY STARE AND GLOAT OVER ME; THEY DIVIDE MY GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS.**

*Pastor: But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!*

**PEOPLE: SAVE ME FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LION! YOU HAVE RESCUED ME FROM THE HORNS OF THE WILD OXEN! I WILL TELL OF YOUR NAME TO MY BROTHERS; IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL PRAISE YOU:**

*Pastor: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!*

**PEOPLE: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH SHALL REMEMBER AND TURN TO THE LORD, AND ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE NATIONS SHALL WORSHIP BEFORE YOU. FOR KINGSHIP BELONGS TO THE LORD, AND HE RULES OVER THE NATIONS.**

*Pastor: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.*

**PEOPLE: POSTERITY SHALL SERVE HIM; IT SHALL BE TOLD OF THE LORD TO THE COMING GENERATION; THEY SHALL COME AND PROCLAIM HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO A PEOPLE YET UNBORN, THAT HE HAS DONE IT.**

The Benediction is omitted at the end of this service and at the end of the Good Friday service tomorrow. This signifies their continuity with each other and with Easter.

Following the reading of Psalm 22 and after the stripping of the altar, we ask that you leave the church quietly with reverence, meditating upon the passion of Christ.